## Abstract

METHOD FOR UPDATING A LICENSE PERIOD OF A PROGRAM, METHOD
FOR LICENSING THE USE OF A PROGRAM, AND INFORMATION
PROCESSING SYSTEM AND PROGRAM THEREOF

An object of the present invention is to provide a method and system for automatically updating a license period of a program. A method comprises the steps of: determining whether the current date and time is within a license period of the program; issuing a request to an index server for transmission of an index file; receiving the index file from the index server; issuing an authentication request with an address of an authentication server contained in the index file; receiving authentication information from the authentication server; updating the license period of the program when the authentication is successful; and executing the program.